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SUBJECT: WHO TO DESIGNATE A "COLLABORATING CENTER" IN WEST BERLIN

SUMMARY: THE FRG HAS INFORMED THE BONN GROUP THAT THE WHO INTENDS TO DESIGNATE THE ROBERT VON OSTERTAG INSTITUTE (VETERINARY MEDICINE AND FOOD HYGIENE) AS A COLLABORATING CENTER." THE INSTITUTE WOULD THEN RECEIVE SPECIFIED RESEARCH ASSIGNMENTS FROM WHO. END SUMMARY.

1. THE FRG HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF WHO, DATED FEB 11, BEGIN TEXT:
THE FEDERAL MINISTER FOR YOUTH, FAMILY AFFAIRS
AND HEALTH.
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I HAVE THE HONOUR TO INFORM YOU THAT THE WORLD

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HEALTH ORGANIZATION PROPOSES TO DESIGNATE THE INSTITUTE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE (ROBERT VON OSTERTAG INSTITUTE) OF THE FEDERAL HEALTH OFFICE, BERLIN AS THE WHO COLLABORATING CENTRE FOR RESEARCH AND TRAINING IN FOOD HYGIENE.

THE FUNCTIONS OF THE CENTRE WOULD BE TO CARRY OUT RESEARCH AND PROVIDE TRAINING AND CONSULTATION IN FOOD HYGIENE WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS:

A. SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL OF FOOD-BORNE PATHOGENS AND TOXINS.

B. MONITORING OF BIOLOGICAL AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS IN FOOD ANIMALS AND IN FOODS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.

C. MICROBIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING OF FOOD AND RELATED STANDARDIZATION.

THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION WOULD MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE CENTRE ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION AND STUDY MATERIAL RECEIVED IN CONNEXION WITH THE FOREGOING WORK.

THE DESIGNATION OF THE INSTITUTE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE (ROBERT VON OSTERTAG INSTITUTE) WOULD BE EFFECTIVE FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS; EITHER PARTY WOULD HOWEVER BE ABLE TO REVOKE THE DESIGNATION IN ANY YEAR BY GIVING NOTICE OF ITS INTENTION TO DO SO THREE MONTHS BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

IT WOULD BE MY UNDERSTANDING THAT ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE IN FULFILMENT OF THE RELEVANT AGREEMENTS RELATING TO BERLIN WILL HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN BY YOUR GOVERNMENT.

I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD KINDLY LET ME KNOW WHETHER YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS ANY COMMENTS TO OFFER ON THIS PROPOSAL. IF I DO NOT RECEIVE A REPLY TO THIS LETTER BY 3 MARCH 1975, I SHALL ASSUME THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS NO OBSERVATIONS TO MAKE. (FORMAL CLOSE), H. MAHLER, M.D., DIRECTOR-GENERAL. END TEXT.

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2. FRG REP IN 18 FEB BONN GROUP MEETING SAID FRG INTENTION IS TO NOT RESPOND TO LETTER AND LET MARCH 3 DEADLINE EXPIRE, AND HE REFERRED TO FRG PAPER RECENTLY PASSED TO ALLIES ON SUBJECT. PAPER NOTED THAT VON OSTERTAG INSTITUTE HAS HAD SINCE MAY 73 COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH WHO IN FIELD OF FOOD HYGIENE. AT PRESENT, PAPER CONTINUED, THERE IS ONE "COLLABORATING CENTER" IN WSB (FREE UNIVERSITY DEPT OF GYNOCOLOGICAL ENDOCRINOL-OGY) AND 10 IN FRG; NONE EXIST IN GDR OR EAST BERLIN. PAPER SAID WHO WAS HESITATING RE VON OSTERTAG INSTITUTE SINCE THE INSTITUTE WAS PART OF FEDERAL HEALTH OFFICE IN WSB. THE WHO WAS APPARENTLY OF THE VIEW THAT NAMING INSTI-TUTE AS "COLLABORATING CENTER" COULD BURDEN WHO-EAST
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BLOC RELATIONS.

3. COMMENT: WHO HESITATIONS MENTIONED IN FRG PAPER HAVE NOW APPARENTLY BEEN OVERCOME. ADDITIONAL PRESTIGE WHICH VON OSTERTAG INSTITUTE WILL HAVE AS RESULT OF WHO ACTION WILL, IN OUR VIEW, BE MODEST POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT FOR BERLIN. GIVEN FACTS OF PRESENT EXISTENCE OF INSTITUTE IN BERLIN AND PRESENT COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH WHO,

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ALLIED REPS SHARED THE
VIEW THAT THERE WAS NOTHING IN ANY WAY OBJECTIONABLE TO
THIS WHO ACTION.
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